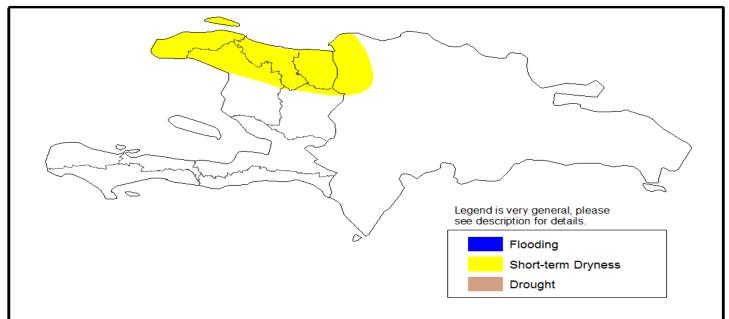






Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET June 21 – June 27, 2012

Rains increased across Hispaniola during the past week.



An increase in convection during the past week across the Caribbean basin has resulted in an increase in precipitation across a large portion of Hispaniola. The heaviest rains (>30mm) were recorded along the southern coastline of Hispaniola. Rain gauges in Barahona, Dominican Republic measured 64mm of rain on June 17th. The average to above-average rains across Haiti provided needed relief to dry conditions that had developed since the end of May. The lack of rains had begun to negatively impact crops across Haiti. Recent rains have helped replenish ground moisture needed for crop development. Strong thirty-day rainfall deficits (>50mm, locally >100mm) still remain across southwestern, central and northern portions of Haiti. Rains are expected to continue during the next several days before becoming lighter during the middle and end of the next seven days. The heaviest rains (10-40mm) are forecast across central/southern Haiti and Dominican Republic while the rest of Hispaniola is expected to observe lighter totals (5-25mm).